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Virtual Network Operators
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to invite Virtual Network Operators (VNO) to offer mobile phone services in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the benefits therefrom along with the time by which the said services by such operators are likely to be operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Virtual Network Operators (VNO) have been permitted to offer mobile phone services in the country. The guidelines for VNO have been issued on 31/05/2016 and are available in Department of Telecommunications (DoT) website <www.dot.gov.in>. 55 licenses have been granted for VNOs. The VNOs can provide services according to the needs of customers and design innovative tariff plans to suit customers' needs and are free to start their services at any time.

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